

IC 2000-1 TO AFJMAN 24-306, MANUAL FOR THE WHEELED DRIVER (APPLIES TO AIR FORCE ONLY)

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★ SUMMARY OF REVISION

Interim Change (IC) 2000-1 provides clarifying guidance for Air Force motor vehicle operators. Provides guidance and procedures for Air Force Convoy movements and operations. IC also provides for the realignment of vehicle operator duties from the superseded AFMAN 24-309.

★ Page 1-1, first column, second paragraph, last sentence, change to read: (Certain restrictions on using government vehicles are also contained in AFI 24-301)

★ Page 1-6, column two, caution block; change to read, **For Air Force Only:** As a vehicle operator you must notify the unit Vehicle Control Officer and/or Vehicle Control Noncommissioned Officer of any personal status changes (i.e., physical profile change, significant traffic infractions).

★ Page 2-2, second column, second paragraph, change to read: For **Air Force Only:** Vehicles operating on the flight line, such as maintenance servicing vehicles, may use the four-way flasher where authorized instead of nonrevolving, pulsating hazard warning lights prescribed by TO 36-1-191.

★ Page 4-4, column two, last paragraph: This paragraph is applicable to Air Force units and operators.

★ Page 11-5, column two, second paragraph: Change to read "**For Air Force Only:** For disabled vehicles on base, notify Vehicle Maintenance through your unit vehicle control officer/NCO during normal duty hours. After normal duty hours, notify the on-duty Vehicle Operations dispatcher. For off-base vehicle disabilities, contact the Vehicle Operations Dispatch Office to obtain vehicle repair instructions (AFI 24-301 and AFPAM 24-317).

★ Page 13-1, second column, first paragraph, change reference from U.S. Government National Credit Card to DoD Fleet Services Card.

★ Page 13-3, first column, fourth paragraph, change reference from AFR 77-4 to AFPAM 24-317.

★ Page 13-4, second column, delete last sentence.

★ Page 14-2, column two, fifth bullet. Change to read: Passengers will not use tobacco products or consume/transport open alcoholic containers/beverages. This pertains to all Air Force owned, rented, or leased vehicles.

★ Page 15-1, second column, first paragraph, change reference from AFM 77-310, Volume 2, Chapter 6, to read AFMAN 24-307, Chapter 6.

★ Page 15-4, second column, change reference from AFM 77-310, Volume 2 to read AFMAN 24-307.

★ Page 24-2, add: **For Air Force Only:** The motor vehicle convoy is the movement of any group of six or more vehicles temporarily organized to operate as a column, with or without escort, proceeding together under a single commander, or the dispatching of 10 or more vehicles per hour to the same destination.

★ Procedures: Conduct convoy movements as described below, unless prohibited by state, local, or host nation law. Convoys will comply with state, local, or host nation laws unless an authorized person marshals vehicles through or a police escort provides support to the convoy. To ensure an orderly flow of the movement, the following guidance is provided.

★ Planning. Routes and overnight stops should use military installation facilities and POL when possible. Consider the following factors during the planning stage of convoy movements:

- ★ • Appropriate convoy routes (primary/alternate), rest stops, refueling points, medical facilities, and overnight stops.
- ★ • Realistic convoy departure and estimated arrival times.
- ★ • Authority to move oversized, overweight, or other special cargo movements.
- ★ • Detailed maps and instructions of the convoy route, appropriate accident forms, toll passes, credit cards or fuel coupons.
- ★ • Vehicles are properly manned for command and control and radio equipped when possible.
- ★ • Vehicle operators are properly licensed for vehicles and towed equipment.
- ★ • Highway warning kits, first aid kits, spare parts and equipment, or other items that may be required by local, state, or host nation laws are available for each vehicle.
- ★ • Adequate vehicle spares kits are available.
- ★ • Order will effectively support set up at destination.
- ★ • For reporting stops, deviations, and convoy status to the transportation control unit (TCU) and, if possible without compromise, the destination point of contact.
- ★ • A mechanic or person with vehicle maintenance skills is assigned to ride in the wrecker or trail escort vehicle.
- ★ Equipment Preparation. Dispatch vehicles in a safe and serviceable condition. Vehicle operator care duties apply during convoy operations.
- ★ Marking. Lead and rear convoy vehicles will display warning signs reading “CONVOY FOLLOWS” and “CONVOY AHEAD”. Convoy signs may be applied to unpainted aluminum, exterior grade plywood, or galvanized steel, and will be designed and prepared as follows:
 - ★ • Legend of “CONVOY FOLLOWS” will be eight inches by 50 inches with a 3/8-inch-wide border inserted 3/8 inch from the sign’s edge. The legend will be four inches high on one line.
 - ★ • Legend of “CONVOY AHEAD” will be 16 inches by 50 inches with a 3/8-inch-wide border inserted 3/8 inch from the sign’s edge. The legend will be 5 inches high on one line.
 - ★ • The reflective paint used will meet GSA specifications.
 - ★ • Both signs will have the same color combination. Background for signs will be yellow reflective paint or sheeting. Legend and sign border will be black non-reflective material with opaque ink compatible with base material.
- ★ Convoy Briefings. Provide convoy briefings covering loading procedures, itinerary, and other pertinent information to all personnel in the convoy operation. Topics should include convoy destination, purpose of deployment, departure time and date, allowable vehicle operator driving time, vehicle loading start times, assembly and departure points and the vehicle order during the convoy. Other areas should to include are route information, rest stops, known weather or road hazards, spacing of vehicles, speed limits, refueling actions, accident procedures, break down procedures, and general safety considerations
- ★ Air Force Convoy Vehicle Operators: Vehicle operators will normally operate under Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations, applicable public, state, and local laws, or host nation movement

regulations. The convoy commander ensures vehicle operators are fully trained and qualified in convoy operations and they comply with established laws and regulations.

★ The following are general rules for conducting convoy operations:

★ • Convoy vehicles will operate so that interference with the normal flow of traffic is minimized. When possible, convoys should avoid metropolitan areas during morning and evening peak traffic periods, or during other traffic periods specified by highway authorities.

★ • Ensures maximum visibility using headlights while moving on highways or stopped along roadways, unless operating under blackout conditions. Other precautionary measures mandated by state, local, or host nation authorities will be complied with.

★ • While moving at night or during periods of reduced visibility, the lead and rear convoy vehicles, and those vehicle with oversized loads or are overweight separated from the main body and moving by infiltration, will operate 4-way flashers.

★ • While operating at night or during reduced visibility, convoy vehicles will display an “L” shaped symbol composed of a vertical strip, 12 inches long and two inches wide, and a horizontal strip, 12 inches long and two inches wide, of red retro-reflective paint, tape, or other reflective material placed at the lower corners of the vehicles.

★ • Military vehicles moving on controlled access highways will maintain the posted minimum speed, or 40 mile per hour if not posted. Vehicles that cannot maintain the posted minimum speed should be routed over an alternate non-controlled access road

★ Page 25-1, first column, second paragraph, first sentence, change reference from AFR 55-48 to AFI 13-231, Airfield Management.

★ Page 25-1, second column, top paragraph, change reference from AFR 55-48 to AFI 13-213.

★ Page 25-5, second column, first sentence after the WARNING block, change to read, “Detailed forklift training requirements are found in 29 CFR and applies to all units. Use the following general guide, not all inclusive, for safe and efficient operations of forklifts in cargo handling:”

★ Page Reference-4, Under title Air Force Manuals: Delete, AFM 77-310, Vol. 1 and AFM 77-310, Vol. 2. Add, AFMAN 24-307, Procedures For Vehicle Maintenance Management, 1 Feb 00.

★ Page Reference-4, Delete Air Force Regulations. Add title, Air Force Instructions. Add AFI 24-301, Vehicle Operations, 1 Oct 98. Add AFI 13-213, Airfield Management, 1 Aug 97.

★ Page Reference-4, Under title, Career Development Course, delete current reference, replace with CDC 2T1X0, Skill levels 3,5,7,9

★ Page Reference-4, Under title Technical Orders, Delete, TO 36-1-3. Add, TO 36-1-191, Technical and Managerial Reference for Motor Vehicle Maintenance, 1 Jan 99

★ Page Reference-5, Under title Code of Federal Regulations. Add, Title 49, Transportation, Parts 372, 383, 390, 391, 392,393 and 395, 1 Oct 98. Add, Title 29, Labor, Part 1910, Section 1910.176, Handling materials--general, 1 Jul 99.

★ Page Reference-5, Under title, READINGS RECOMMENDED. Add title, Department of the Air Force Pamphlet. Add AFPAM 24-317, Vehicle Control, 1 Apr 99

